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RESIDENTIAL FIRE

5985 S. Little Brook Circle #104 (*Hickory Forest Apartments*)

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 5985 S. Little Brook Circle, Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:27 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy smoke visible from the two-story, wood-frame apartments. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fifteen (15) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately forty-one (41) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Acting Battalion Chief M. Whitaker was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 5:46 p.m. ***A sixteen (16) year old child was alerted by the sound of the smoke alarm; she woke her mother and alerted the neighbors and they all escaped safely, prior to the arrival of fire crews.*** There were no firefighter or civilian injuries. Red Cross provided assistance for two (2) families.

Two (2) units sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$14,000.00 structure and \$4,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a heater's power cord that malfunctioned in the wall near the stairwell.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>.

Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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